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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/EP2005/003214	International filing date (day/month/year) 26.03.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 30.03.2004
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC E04B1/94		
Applicant BASF Aktiengesellschaft		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of _____ sheets, including this cover sheet.

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a. ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 1 sheets, as follows:

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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-4 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages** _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.** 1-9 _____ received by this Authority on 25.01.2006 with letter
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on of 23.01.2006
- ☐ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets** _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
Reference is made to the following documents:			
D1: US 4 015 386 A (COOK ET AL) 5 April 1977 (1977-04-05)			
D2: US 3 466 222 A (F. W. CURTIS) 9 September 1969 (1969-09-09)			
1.1 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1			
<p>The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1), because the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).</p>			
<p>Document D1 discloses a thermal insulation composite, comprising two metal sheets 5, 6 with a thermally insulating core material 18, where, between the thermally insulating core material 18 and at least one metal sheet a fire-protection layer 15, which comprises an intumescent mass based on an alkali metal silicate is introduced.</p>			
<p>The subject matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the known thermal insulation composite in that the core material is composed of moulded polystyrene foam, whereas the core material known from D1 is composed of polyurethane foam.</p>			
<p>The use of polystyrene foam as an alternative to polyurethane foam in combination with an intumescent mass based on an alkali metal silicate for fire protection is known from the prior art (see, for example, document D2; column 3, lines 39-75). The fact that the core material is composed of moulded</p>			

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polystyrene foam is therefore a feature which is only one of several obvious possibilities from which a person skilled in the art would choose in order to solve the problem of interest, without thereby being inventive.

1.2 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-5

Claims 2-5 do not contain any features, which in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for inventive step. The reasons are as follows:

- the additional features of claims 3, 4 are previously known from D1, and
- the additional features of claims 2 and 5 are merely conventional feasible ranges of density and thickness having no surprising effect.

2.1 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 6

The subject matter of process claim 6 does not involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

Document D1 discloses a process for production of a thermal insulation composite via bonding of two metal sheets 5, 6 and of a thermally insulating core material 18, where a fire-protection layer 15, which comprises an intumescent mass based on an alkali metal silicate is introduced between the thermally insulating core material 18 and at least one metal sheet.

The subject matter of claim 6 therefore differs from the known process in that the core material is composed of moulded polystyrene foam, whereas the core material known from D1 is composed of polyurethane foam.

The use of polystyrene foam as an alternative to polyurethane foam in combination with an intumescent mass based on an alkali metal silicate for fire protection is known from the prior art (see, for example, document D2; column 3, lines

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39-75). A person skilled in the art would therefore regard the use of moulded polystyrene foam merely as one of several obvious possibilities from which that person would choose in order to solve the problem of interest, without thereby being inventive.

2.2 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 7, 8

Claims 7,8 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for inventive step, because the additional features of claim 7 represent a conventional step in a process and the additional features of claim 8 are previously known from D1.

3. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 9

The subject matter of claim 9 does not involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3), because document D1 discloses the use of the thermal insulation composite for the production of cold stores.